



## **SB 1413 Energy tax bill signing**

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

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2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference room

**Good morning ... and thank you all for being here.**

**Today, I will proudly sign into law yet another smart tax reform that will bolster job creation in Arizona – and our competitive edge.**

**Since becoming governor, my cornerstone priority has been to make Arizona as attractive as possible for new and expanding businesses -- particularly for our manufacturing industry, which generates quality jobs and high-wage salaries.**

**I want Arizona to be the Number One pro-business state in the nation, and we have worked relentlessly to accomplish that.**

**We've also listened to what companies want and need to thrive.**

**To that end, we have lowered and simplified taxes, reduced burdensome red tape, and kept government out of the way of business success and job creation.**

**To advance our mission, in my State of the State address in January, I called upon legislators to prioritize legislation to eliminate the tax that manufacturers pay for the energy used to produce their product.**

**Today, I will sign Senate Bill 1413, which does just that.**

**Until today, Arizona was one of only a handful of states that impose this tax ... and ending it removes one more barrier to business expansion and job creation.**

**Eliminating this tax will boost our competitive edge in attracting and expanding manufacturing in our state.**

**I am sorry that the bill's sponsor, Senator Steve Yarborough, is not able to be with us today.**

**But I would like to publicly thank him for his swift and persuasive efforts in getting this through the Legislature.**

**I will now sign SB 1413 in law.**

**Again, I want to thank everyone who worked hard this session to make Arizona's continued comeback a priority – and a reality.**

**Together, we have made our message to manufacturers loud and clear: Arizona is OPEN FOR BUSINESS.**

**Now I'd like to introduce Steve Macias, who is CEO of Pivot Manufacturing and chairman of the Arizona Manufacturers Council to say a word about what this means for manufacturing in Arizona.**

**Thank you.**

**Now we'll take a few questions.**